(b) The export performance of NALCO and BALCO during the last 3 years is given below:

Quantity (tonnes)/Value (Rs. crores)

	1991-92		1992-93		1993-94	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
NALCO						
Alumina	3,78,435	172.65	4,25,616	209.88	3,71,009	181.83
Aluminium . . .	61,117	213.67	85,771	328.70	60,037	229.89
BALCO						
Alumina	..	...	..	..	149	0.10
Aluminium . . .	273	1.78	170	0.95	28	0.1

(c) and (d) The approximate consumption of aluminium metal in the country during the last 3 years has been as follows:

Year	Tonnes
1991-92	4,25,000
1992-93	3,70,000
1993-94	4,10,000

Working killed in Dariba Mines

598. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA,
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some workers died when a number of miners were trapped in the Dariba Mines of the Hindustan Zinc Limited sometime at the end of August, 1994.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the outcome of the inquiry conducted by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Thirteen workers died when a cemented fill plug & barricade construction to retain fill (classified tailings) in the stope (voids created as a result mining operations) failed resulting into an rush of fill material alongwith water into the workings below 212 meter level of the Rajpura Dariba Mines on 28th August, 1994.

(c) According to the Report submitted by the Director General, Mines Safety, under Ministry of Labour, the accident occured due to an imbalance between the quantity of water draining out and fill poured in.